Joseph KNIGHT Sr

Revelation to Joseph Knight, Sr.

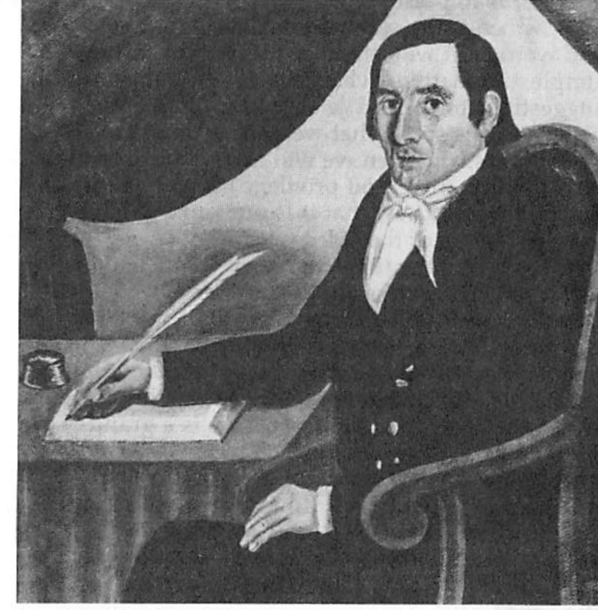
Historical Background

"For fifteen years he has been faithful and true, and even-handed and exemplary, and virtuous and kind, never deviating to the right hand or to the left. Behold he is a righteous man . . . and it shall be said of him, by the sons of Zion, while there is one of them remaining, that this man was a faithful man in Israel; therefore his name shall never be forgotten." (*History of the Church,* 5:124-25.)

This tribute was written by Joseph Smith of his true and trusted friend, Joseph Knight, Sr., on 22 August 1842.

Joseph Knight, Sr., had early in the history of the Church become a close and helpful friend of the Prophet. Joseph Smith first met him in 1826 when Joseph Knight hired him to work at his farm and grist mill in Colesville, Broome County, New York. From that time forth Joseph Knight offered both material and spiritual support to Joseph Smith, including provisions that allowed the Prophet and his scribe to work on the translation of the Book of Mormon at a very crucial time of its production. Joseph Smith wrote:

"About the same time an old gentleman came to visit us of whose name I wish to make honorable



Joseph Knight offered his means to aid Joseph Smith

